



**SAFETY**

Nebraska Building Chapter

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**OUR Safety MISSION:** Help each other enforce safety rules to ensure that every person on construction site goes home safe and healthy at end of the workday.

**Calendar of Events** – [Learn more](#)

### Industry Wide Training | Friday, November 19 | 9:00 am-10:30 am

[Click here for more information and online registration.](#)

#### **Compliance with the new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Rule**

*Hosted by AGC Nebraska Chapter and AGC Nebraska Building Chapter*

**About the program:** The ELDT rule sets minimum standards for general knowledge and behind-the-wheel training. Compliance with the new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) rule is quickly approaching.

**Presenter:** Jennifer Bell, State Program Manager, FMCSA Nebraska.

**[COVID-19 Resources Update](#)** Updated information with quick references available.

November 4, the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace. The ETS establishes binding requirements to protect employees of large employers (100 or more employees) from the risk of contracting COVID-19 in the workplace. A fact sheet describing the rule is attached and more information can be found at these links:

- Vaccination and Testing ETS landing page: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2>
- Full Vaccination and Testing ETS text: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2021-23643/covid-19-vaccination-and-testing-emergency-temporary-standard>
- Vaccination and Testing ETS fact sheet: <https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA4162.pdf>
- Vaccination and Testing ETS FAQs: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2/faqs>

### **Burned out at work? You're not alone, survey finds**

New York — More than half of U.S. workers say they're burned out and around 2 out of 5 are considering a job change "to resolve stress," results of a recent survey show.

Commissioned by Talkspace, an online behavioral health care company, researchers from the Harris Poll in September surveyed nearly 2,100 adults from around the country to learn about employee attitudes toward mental well-being and work. Of the respondents who said they're thinking about changing jobs, 67% indicated that their employer hasn't followed through on promises to focus on mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although 52% of the respondents reported burnout, fewer than 20% of them are using their company's mental health benefits. "This signals that employees may not be fully aware of what's available or may not feel comfortable taking advantage of certain benefits," a press release from the Harris Poll states.

Around 60% of the respondents believe that more support from management could positively influence employee retention.

“It’s critical that employers pay attention to pain points and implement effective solutions that counteract chronic stress, enhance workplace culture and improve retention,” Varun Choudhary, a physician and chief medical officer at Talkspace, said in the release.

### **Spreading Good Cheer on World Kindness Day**

We learned it as preschoolers: be nice.

World Kindness Day, which is Saturday, Nov. 13, takes the idea global. On World Kindness Day, groups and individual people are encouraged to go out of their way to be kind to others, whether that be at home, work, school, or just out in public. Perform at least one intentional act of kindness on that day to benefit someone else. No matter what you decide to do, your act of kindness will unite you with others dedicated to changing the world. Every kind act, even the smallest one, creates a ripple effect.

This day is also meant to celebrate and encourage the good deeds that others already do. On World Kindness day, be sure to let others around you know how much you appreciate their kindness and generosity. Sometimes saying, “thank you,” is one of the kindest things you can do.

### **Safety Initiative Goals:**

As an AGC Nebraska Building Chapter member, are you participating with:

- 100% of all AGC members and other contractors on AGC jobsites enforcing OSHA standards as they apply to falls, electrical safety and possible another topic.
- 100% of all AGC members will have set their own company goals to improve safety in their firm and have a way to measure progress towards the goal.
- 100% of all AGC members will encourage and support all contractors on their jobsites to set their own company goals for improving safety.